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PATENT  
Customer Number 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0081.00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Alberto CARRA et al.	)	
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned	)	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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Filed: April 27, 2001	)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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For: TYRE AND TREAD THEREOF	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the title TYRE AND TREAD THEREOF, as follows:

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**--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**